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President Cleveland persistently declines check by water meters, but anything like to see things as they are in Hawaii. This a general extension of the system should deliberate limitation of visual power is con- not be, and doubtless is not contemplated. spicuously apparent in the message which the President today sent to Congress. Touching upon the task with which Minister Willis was burdened, the chief executive says that the minister was empowered "to advise the Queen and her supporters of my desire to aid in the restoration of the status existing before the lawless landing of the United States forces at Honolulu on the 16th of January last, if such restoration could be effected upon terms providing for clemency as well as justice to all parties concerned. The conditions suggested, as the throne, and every one concerned in the instructions show, contemplate a general amnesty to those concerned in setting up the provisional government and a recognition of all its bona fide acts and obligations. In short, they require that the past should be buried, and that the restored Government should reassume its authority as if its continuity had not been interrupted." But the ex-queen would not be restored, or as the President puts it: "These conditions have not proved acceptable to the Queen, and though she has been informed that they will be insisted upon, and that, unless acceded to, the efforts of the President to aid in the restoration of her Government will cease, I have not thus far learned that she is willing to yield them her acquiescence.' What an extraordinary tableau is here presented! The President of the world's greatest republic using all the power at his command to restore one of the most vicious of monarchs and at the same time pleading with his female protege to spare the lives of those who were powerful enough to shorten her reign and to whom she has since appealed for protection. Was ever greater absurdity offered so seriously as is this assumption that Liliuokalani declines restoration because she has in her but little of "the quality of mercy?" Willing to be queen once more, but stubbornly refusing proffered assistance that makes terms in the interests of humanity! Anxious to grasp the scepter and control the treasury, but so thirsty for blood that the voice of vengeance will not be hushed, this ex-ruler of the Sandwich Islands proudly disdains an ally whose friendship is encumbered with peace! How supremely ridiculous! Does not everybody know that fear for her own safety and not a consuming desire for the blcod of others restrains Liliuokalani from assenting to restoration without assurance that she will be retained and protected there against her unwilling subjects by the armed forces of the United States or Great

Ordinarily there is nothing humorous in the proceedings of those who operate winter etings, but Philanthropist Engeman did a really funny thing on Saturday when he ordered or authorized the posting up of a notice in the Baltimore and Ohio station that because of the inclemency of the weather there would be no racing that day. To the uninitiated the cause for laughter may not at once be apparent but the man who knows how and why the pool-room over the idea that any meteorological conditions would be permitted to interfere with even a single race. Rain may fall with violence such as has not been known since Noah's experience with precipitation, snow descend until the air is a cloud impenetrable to the average pair of eyes, ice render the track dangerous to the safety of horses and riders, but the program is always carried out in its fullness, the real spectators being not the shivering few at the racetrack, but the pool-room gamblers in the various cities of the country. The real reason why there were no races at Ivy City on Saturday did not have its origin in the very small quantity of rain that fell prior to the posting of the notice, but in the knowledge of the fact (carelessly guarded) that a raid had been planned and would be executed. By this time it should be evident to the Engeman following that District Attorney Birney means business; that he will enforce the law without fear or favor; that he will not try his cases after the fashion suggested by those whom he so properly proposes to raid and prosecute, and that every decent citizen will support to the utmost every effort made by Mr. Birney to rid the District of Columbia of the winter-racing army Club was first organized, my sympathies which has invaded it.

Rapid as is steamship communication with Europe today it is far from probable that the limit of speed has been reached, although several naval constructors have expressed themselves as of the opinion that greater speed would be possible only to larger ships fitted with more powerful machinery, and these cannot be until the entrances to the principal harbors are conelderably deepened. The latest rational effort to revolutionize vessel propalsion is that of a resident of Williamsport, Pa., Mr. Richard B. Painton. Describing his revolutionary propositions, Mr. Painton says that he would fit each vessel with a number of propellers, operated on shafts that run through the vessel from side to side, the first pair being pretty well forward, the others located under water line at equal intervals of about one hundred feet, so that a vessel 600 feet long would have five sets of propellors. The claim is made that a vessel so equipped could make the voyage to Europe in three days. If the claim be made good then the individual who makes two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before will be but a minor benefactor when compared with Mr. Painton.

President Cleveland in his desire to bury the past in Honolulu possibly did not take into consideration the extreme liveliness that was likely to attend the wake.

The President has, as yet, neglected to report the case of Liliuokalani for the consideration of The Evening Star Santa Claus

By desiring to be a mere governor, Buffalo Bill will sink very much in the estimation of the average small boy.

France is kept very busy with its efforts to take care of a conspicuous overproduc-

tion in the bomb crop.

In its movement toward an extension of the water-meter system the District government should be careful not to adopt ernment should be careful not to adopt France, out of work, rode into Chadron measures that will interfere with the general welfare. There are many objections to the introduction of water meters in this or any other municipality. One of the primary necessities in every city (and in many respects the most important) is an abundant spects the most important) is an abundant supply of pure water, and one of the things upon which the apostle of hygiene insists is a liberal use-externally and internallyof that same health-giving and health-preserving fluid. After many years of missionary effort the laws of cleanliness are now fairly well understood by a reasonably large proportion of this country's population and a gratifying amount of obedience is rendered these statutes, but if the watermeter idea is to prevail generally, enforced to

result will be a relapse into conditions from which millions have been rescued by ap-

personal and frequent intimacy with the essential liquid, but if municipal authorities strive to make cleanliness more expensive they will surely undo much good and give encouragement to the diseases that have their origin in filth. At no time since its foundation has this city been cleaner than it now is, nor is there present possibility of epidemic, but with anything like a notable extension of the water-meter system would come changes that could not but operate to the disadvantage of Washington's reputation. This city's water supply should be more than sufficient in volume to afford each household even an expecially those who make business use of the Potomac water, may well be held in

It is evident that President Cleveland, placing implicit confidence in the Blount report, believed that the so-called provisional government had no life or strength except what was derived from the supposition that this republic was behind the revolutionary movement. He thought that when announcement was made that the support of the United States was withdrawn from the provisional government, the queen, backed by tne people of Hawaii, would at once resume provisional government would at once throw up his hands and plead for mercy. He therefore announced to the ex-queen that he was going to restore her on condition that she would not cut the throats of the revolutionists. But the ex-queen knows the Hawallan conditions better than Mr. Cleveland. She learns that maintenance of her on her throne after restoration by the United States is unnecessary in view of the Hawailan situation as Mr. Cleveland understands it, and is not contemplated by him. She declines to be restored. Mr. Cleveland thinks that the refusal is due to her unwillingness to promise that she will not cut the throats of the revolutionists. Other people will think that she recognizes the superior power of the de facto provisional government from which she has obtained protection in answer to her personal appeal, and that it is her own safety which concerns her. In either case the United States should not interfere-neither to promote the destruction of the members of the provisional government nor of Liliuokalani. The exqueen's behavior, so inconsistent with what Mr. Cleveland assumes to be the facts of the situation, ought to have put him on his guard against implicit confidence in the existence of these facts; but it has not.

Mr. Cleveland has consented to hang some information on the Congressional Christmas tree.

It is now Mr. John L. Stevens' turn to contribute to the Cleveland-Stevens joint

The lot of a New York policeman is indeed "not a happy one."

SHOOTING STARS.

People never know what "embarrassment of riches" means until they are examining the purchases which they made while under the mysterious influence of the auctioneer at the dead letter sale.

Human Nature. "Man wants but little here below" Is soothing as to sound, But doesn't count, most people know, When pay-day comes around.

A Christmas Gift. "Are you going to give Herbert a Chr mas present?" asked her confidante "I thought that your engagement

broken."

A Misanthrope's Opportunity. cherish for my fellow man a hatred most Had I the might I'd doom him without sym-

There's but one way for me to show just what my feelings are-I'll go and be the motorman upon a trolley

pathy or fear;

"So you've caught the infection," he remarked to a man who had a blue ribbon with a bright yellow pin fastening it, conspicuously displayed on his coat lapel.

Business-Like.

"Are you talking about this badge?" "Oh, I took ten dollars' worth of them." "Isn't that going in on a rather large scale?"

"Purely a matter of business. You see, joined the movement right off, and I thought I might as well pay the ten dollars in advance to keep my sympathies from being posted for dues."

Johnny's Woe. Curly headed Johnny had a tear-drop in his

Curly headed Johnny couldn't speak without a sigh. And the Christmas preparations that were

'round him everywhere Had not the least effect upon his melan-"Oh, what's the use of hanging up my stock-

ing," he would say, "There's nothing to look forward to, for me on Christmas day: He'll scratch us off his program when he hitches up his team.

For Santy needs a fireplace, and they hear our flat by steam."

A Conspiracy.

"Say," said the man with the gaudy shirt collar and the big diamond pin, "I understan' dat dey's quit de winter racin'."

"Whut d'ye reckon's de reason?" "A felly what knows, says it was troo a put-up job dat dey discovered jes' in time ter pervent some rank outsiders comin' in an' swipin' all Ge stakes." "You don't say so!"

"Y-a-a-s!" "How was dey gointer do it?"

"You know de snow plows dat de street car company's use?" "Cert'n'y."

"Dey wus goin' ter buy de horses dat pulls 'em an' enter 'em in de races. You see dey've had practice in de 'beautiful snow steps, till dey could swipe anyt'ing else on de track, dead easy."

#### Strabismic Justice.

From the Chicago Herald. A South Dakota cowboy named De robbed a mail carrier. He got just 1 cent nearly \$1,000,000, to the penitentiary for five years. If the old adage be true: "It is sin to steal a pin, it is a greater to steal a 'tater," Mosher should be live to be as old as Methuselah and serve that life's sentence. If the sentence of both these men is strictly according to law, and a judge has tution, then the law should be speedily changed. Abuses like these destroy all respect for law, and go far to explain, if no economy will diminish cleanliness and the justice among men is a fraud.

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